Fill in this information to identify yo	our case:	
United States Bankruptcy Court fo		
Case number (If known):	Chapter you are filing under: Chapter 7 Chapter 11 Chapter 12 Chapter 13	☐ Check if this amended fil
Official Form 101		

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

06/24

The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a joint case—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as Debtor 1 and the other as Debtor 2. The same person must be Debtor 1 in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

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Par	t 1: Identify Yourself					
		About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):			
1.	Your full name	Jason				
	Write the name that is on your	First name	First name			
	government-issued picture	<u>B.</u>				
	identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).	Middle name	Middle name			
		Island				
	Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.	Last name	Last name			
		Suffix (Sr., Jr, II, III)	Suffix (Sr., Jr, II, III)			
2	All other names you have	Jason				
	used in the last 8 years	First name	First name			
	Include your married or maiden	Bernard				
	Include your married or maiden names and any assumed, trade	Middle name	Middle name			
	names and doing business as	Island				
	names.	Last name	Last name			
	Do NOT list the name of any separate legal entity such as a	Island Systems LLC				
	corporation, partnership, or LLC	Business name (if applicable)	Business name (if applicable)			
	that is not filing this petition.	Unity Federal Financial Group, Inc.				
		Business name (if applicable)	Business name (if applicable)			
		See continuation page.	, ,,			
3.	Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or	xxx - xx - <u>7</u> <u>6</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u>	xxx - xx			
	federal Individual Taxpayer	OR	OR			
	Identification number (ITIN)	9xx - xx	9xx - xx			

Debtor 1 Jason B.		B.	Island	Case number (if known)		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		,	
		About Debtor 1:		About Debtor 2 (Spou	use Only in a Joint Case):	
4.	Your Employer Identification Number (EIN), if any.	2 0 - 1 7	7 5 4 5 2 7			
		2 O - 3 4	<u>8 0 1 3 7</u>			
		See continuation p	age.			
5.	Where you live	23826 Via Viale	. Dr	If Debtor 2 lives at a c	different address:	
		Number Stree		Number Street	_	
		Dishmond TV	77406 2500			
		Richmond, TX	State ZIP Code	City	State ZIP Code	
		Fort Bend				
		County		County		
			dress is different from the one above, that the court will send any notices to address.		address is different from yours, fill e court will send any notices to you s.	
		Number Stree	t	Number Street		
		P.O. Box		P.O. Box		
		City	State ZIP Code	City	State ZIP Code	
6.	Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy	Check one:		Check one:		
	uisuret to the for bank uptcy	Over the last 1 have lived in the district.	80 days before filing this petition, I his district longer than in any other	Over the last 180 have lived in this district.	days before filing this petition, I district longer than in any other	
		I have another (See 28 U.S.C	reason. Explain. . § 1408)	I have another rea (See 28 U.S.C. §	ason. Explain. 1408)	
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Debt	tor 1 Jason	В.	Island	Case r	number (if known)
	First Name	Middle Nar	me Last Name		,
Par	t 2: Tell the Court About You	ur Bankrı	uptcy Case		
7.	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under	Bankrupt Chai		h, see <i>Notice Required by 11 U.S</i> top of page 1 and check the appro	.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for opriate box.
8.	How you will pay the fee	detai chec a cre l nee to Pa l req judge offici choo	Is about how you may pay. Typically, or money order. If your attorned to pay the fee in installments. By The Filing Fee in Installments (uest that my fee be waived (You e may, but is not required to, waival poverty line that applies to you	ally, if you are paying the fee your y is submitting your payment on yed address. If you choose this option, sign an (Official Form 103A). may request this option only if yo ye your fee, and may do so only if r family size and you are unable to	clerk's office in your local court for more reself, you may pay with cash, cashier's your behalf, your attorney may pay with d attach the <i>Application for Individuals</i> u are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a your income is less than 150% of the pay the fee in installments). If you are 7 Filing Fee Waived (Official Form
9.	Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?		District District District	WhenWhenWhenWhenWhenWhenWhenWhenWhWhWhWh	Case number
10.	Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?		Debtor District Debtor District	When MM / DD / YYYY When MM / DD / YYYY	Relationship to you Case number, if known Relationship to you Case number, if known
11.	Do you rent your residence?	□ No. ☑ Yes.	Go to line 12. Has your landlord obtained an example. No. Go to line 12. Yes. Fill out <i>Initial Statemer</i> as part of this bankruptcy possible.	nt About an Eviction Judgment Ag	ainst You (Form 101A) and file it

Deb	tor 1	Jason	B.		Island			Case number (if known)	
		First Name	Midd	dle Name	Last Nar	ne			
Par	t 3: Report	About Any Busin	esse	es You	Own as a Sole	Proprietor			
12.		ole proprietor of	√	No. Go	to Part 4.				
	any full- or business?	Jant-time		Yes. Na	me and location o	f business			
A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a			Name of business, if any						
	corporation,	partnership, or LLC.		Number	Street				
	proprietorshi sheet and at	nore than one sole p, use a separate tach it to this							
	petition.			City			State	ZIP Code	
				Check the appropriate box to describe your business:					
				☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))					
				☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))					
			☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))						
			Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))						
				☐ Noi	ne of the above				
13.	11 of the Ba	ng under Chapter nkruptcy Code, a s <i>mall busin</i> ess	app she	<i>ropriate</i> et, state	deadlines. If you in ment of operations	ndicate that you are a	a small busines it, and federal i	ou are a small business debtor so that it can set s debtor, you must attach your most recent balance ncome tax return or if any of these documents do not	
		on of small business	$\mathbf{\Lambda}$	No.	I am not filing und	der Chapter 11.			
	debtor, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).			No.	I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.				
				Yes.				ebtor according to the definition in the der Subchapter V of Chapter 11.	
				Yes.				ebtor according to the definition in the bchapter V of Chapter 11.	

Debt	tor 1	Jason	B.	Island	Case number (if known)
		First Name	Middle Nan	ne Last Name	
Pari	t 4: Report	if You Own or Ha	ave Any H	azardous Property or	Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention
14.	Do you own	or have any	☑ No.		
	alleged to po	t poses or is ose a threat of	☐ Yes.	What is the hazard?	
	hazard to pu	d identifiable blic health or			
safety? Or do you property that need attention?			If immediate attention is	needed, why is it needed?	
	For example,			ii iiiiiiicalate attention is i	
	that must be	oods, or livestock fed, or a building gent repairs?			
				Where is the property?	
					Number Street
					City State ZIP Code

Debtor 1 Jason B. Island Case number (if known) ______

Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

✓ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

☐ I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy.

If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

I am not required to receive a briefing about credit
counseling because of:

Incapacity. I have a mental illness or a mental

deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

Disability. My physical disability causes me

to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

Active duty. I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

☐ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

☐ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

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☐ I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

counseling because of:

Incapacity. I have a mental illness or a mental

deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

Disability. My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or

briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

Active duty. I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

Deb	tor 1	Jason	B.	Island		Case nu	mber	(if known)
		First Name	Middle Name	Last Name				,
Par	t 6: Answer	These Questions	s for Reporting	Purposes				
16.	What kind of have?	debts do you	"incurred No.			er debts? Consumer debts are defor a personal, family, or househol		
			for a busi			s debts? Business debts are debts ough the operation of the business		
			16c. State the	type of debts you owe	e th	at are not consumer debts or busir	ness c	lebts.
17.	Are you filing	g under Chapter 7?	—	not filing under Chap				
	exempt proper and administ paid that fund	ate that after any erty is excluded rative expenses are ds will be available on to unsecured	adn	ninistrative expenses		Do you estimate that after any exe paid that funds will be available to		
18.	How many cr estimate that	reditors do you you owe?	1-49 50-99 100-199 200-999	1,000-5,000 5,001-10,000 10,001-25,000		□ _{25,001} -50,000 □ _{50,000}	-100,0	000
19.	How much d	o you estimate you worth?	\$50,001-5 \$100,001	_		\$1,000,001-\$10 million \$10,000,001-\$50 million \$50,000,001-\$100 million \$100,000,001-\$500 million		\$500,000,001-\$1 billion \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion More than \$50 billion
20.	How much d	o you estimate you	\$50,001-S \$100,001	_		\$1,000,001-\$10 million \$10,000,001-\$50 million \$50,000,001-\$100 million \$100,000,001-\$500 million		\$500,000,001-\$1 billion \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion More than \$50 billion
Par	t 7: Sign Be	low						
Fo	r you	If I have States C If no atto have obt I request bankrupt and 357	chosen to file understand ode. I understand represents mained and read the relief in accordance and making a false cy case can result 1.	er Chapter 7, I am awa the relief available un- e and I did not pay or e notice required by 1' ce with the chapter of e statement, concealing in fines up to \$250,00	are der agi 1 U. title	each chapter, and I choose to progree to pay someone who is not an S.C. § 342(b). e 11, United States Code, specified property, or obtaining money or pro	er Chaceed of attorn thin thin perty	apter 7, 11,12, or 13 of title 11, United under Chapter 7. ey to help me fill out this document, I s petition.
		_	s/ Jason B. Island son B. Island, Deb					
			son B. Island, Deb secuted on 07/22/					
		LX		DD/ YYYY				

Debtor 1	Jason	В.	Island	Case number (if known)
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
represented	torney, if you are d by one not represented by an ou do not need to file this	proceed under (each chapter fo 11 U.S.C. § 342	Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of r which the person is eligib (b) and, in a case in which	his petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under ble. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by \$707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry with the petition is incorrect.
		X /s/ Stuar	t M Price	Date 07/22/2024
			of Attorney for Debtor	MM / DD / YYYY
		Firm name		
		Houston		TX 77002
		City		State ZIP Code
		Contact pho	one <u>(737)</u> 707-4217	Email address platinum@resolvelawgroup.com
		3821835		тх
		Bar number		State

Debtor 1 Jason B. Island			В.	Case number (if known)		
		First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	<u> </u>	
Add	itional Iter	ms: Continuation	n Page			
2.	All other na	ames you have use	d in the last 8 years	723 Wellness Group LLC Business name		
	•	married or maiden i ess as names.	names and any assur	med, trade names and	Clean Juice Katy Fulshear (former dba and franchise of Island Systems, LLC)	
	Do NOT list the name of any separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC that is not filing this petition.				Island Suites LLC Business name	
			About Debtor 1:		About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):	
4.	•	oyer Identification N), if any. (cont)	8 7 - 3 EIN	<u>1 1 5 5 1 0</u>		
			2 <u>0</u> - <u>1</u>	7 5 4 5 2 7		

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

Jason B. Island, Debtor

Date _	07/22/2024	Signature	/s/ Jason B. Island			
The a	above named Debtor	hereby verifies that the attac	ched list of creditors is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge			
	VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX					
			CHAPTER 7			
			CHAPTER 7			
IN RE:	Island, Jason B.		CASE NO			

Ally Bank 601 S. Tryon Street

Charlotte, NC 28202-0000

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LLC

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Citicorp Cr Srvs/Centralized Bankruptcy
PO Box 790040
St Louis, MO 63179-0040

Clean Juice Katy Fulshear (former dba and franchise of Island Systems, LLC) 7109 Katy Gaston Rd Richmond, TX 77406-2938

CreditFresh Attn: Bankruptcy Dept 200 Continental Drive Suite 401 Newark, DE 19713

CrossRiver Bank 885 Teaneck Rd Teaneck, NJ 07666

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Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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Texas Workforce Commission Bankruptcy Unit, Rm 556 101 E 15th St Austin, TX 78778-1442

ThriftLine Service Center C/O Broadridge Processing Po Box 1600 Newark, NJ 07101-1600

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San Francisco, CA 94111

US Dept of Education 3130 Fairview Park Drive Suite 800 Chesapeake, VA 23323-0000

US Dept Of The Treasury 401 14th St NE Washington, DC 20002-0000

US Small Business Administration 409 3rd St Sw Fl 2 Washington, DC 20416-0011

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WPW Management Corp., Lessor 510 Bering Dr Ste 530 Houston, TX 77057

Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

- You are an individual filing for bankruptcy, and
- Your debts are primarily consumer debts.

 Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. §
 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under one of four different chapters of the Bankruptcy Code:

- Chapter 7 Liquidation
- Chapter 11— Reorganization
- Chapter 12— Voluntary repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen
- Chapter 13— Voluntary repayment plan for individuals with regular income

You should have an attorney review your decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of chapter.

Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245 filing fee
\$78 administrative fee
\$15 trustee surcharge
\$338 total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their non-exempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

- most taxes;
- most student loans;
- most domestic support and property settlement obligations;

- most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and
- certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

- fraud or theft:
- fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;
- intentional injuries that you inflicted; and
- death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A–1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A–2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form —theChapter 7 Means Test Calculation (Official Form 122A–2). The calculations on the form— sometimes called the Means Test—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

Chapter 11: Reorganization

\$1,167 filing fee
+ \$571 administrative fee

\$1,738 total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$78	administrative fee
	\$278	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$78	administrative fee
	\$313	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

- domestic support obligations,
- most student loans,
- certain taxes,
- debts for fraud or theft,
- debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,
- most criminal fines and restitution obligations,
- certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,
- certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and
- certain long-term secured debts

Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to: http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

- If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.
- All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy*(Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called *ajoint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from: http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html.

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to: http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts /Bankruptcy/ BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCredit AndDebtCounselors.aspx.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.